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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/451,628	TEPMAN ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Luz L. Alejandro. (3) _____.

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Date of Interview: 25 October 2001.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,4 and 5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rubin et al., US 4,852,516 and Lei et al., US 6,083,321 (prior art of record).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: the attorney pointed out that the Rubin et al. reference does not disclose an apparatus in which the process chamber can be modular. The examiner pointed out that, as broadly claimed in independent claims 1, 4 and 5, the Rubin et al. reference discloses the claimed apparatus since the claims do not require the process chamber to be modular. Also, the examiner pointed out that Lei et al. discloses modular process chambers.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required